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Microfoam Thermoplastic

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits of the above-identified application
filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 31, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 32-35.

a | --32. (New) Method according to claim 10, wherein the nucleating agent is talc.

33. (New) Method according to claim 32, where said talc has a mean particle size >
10 micrometers.